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In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended:

[0009] In U.S. Patent 6,751,944 ~~Application No. 10/274,653; filed 10/21/2002;~~ and entitled "Confluent Variable Exhaust Nozzle," assigned to the present assignee, an improved variable area exhaust nozzle is disclosed for a turbofan aircraft engine. The confluent nozzle includes outer and inner conduits, with a plurality of flaps therebetween. The flaps may be selectively opened to bypass a portion of exhaust flow from the inner conduit through the outer conduit in confluent exhaust streams from concentric main and auxiliary exhaust outlets.

[0021] During operation, ambient air 32 enters the fan nacelle and flows past the fan blades into the compressor 22 for pressurization. The compressed air is mixed with fuel in the combustor 24 for generating hot combustion gases 34 which are discharged through the high and low pressure turbine turbines 26,28 in turn. The turbines extract energy from the combustion gases and power the compressor 22 and fan 18, respectively.